

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application and to insert the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to correct informalities, without disclaimer or prejudice.

Paper and computer readable forms of a substitute Sequence Listing are also attached. They do not add new matter and their contents are the same. It is respectfully submitted that the attached complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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